

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1, American Recovery and reinvestment Act of 2009.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S949–S1006*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 337–342, S. Res. 24–25, and S. Con. Res. 3. **Page S994**

#### Measures Passed:

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 26, providing for an adjournment of the House. **Pages S1004–05**

**National Data Privacy Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 25, expressing support for designation of January 28, 2009, as “National Data Privacy Day”. **Page S1005**

#### Measures Considered:

**Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children’s Health Insurance Program, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S950–90**

##### Rejected:

Grassley Amendment No. 41 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to strike the option to provide coverage to legal immigrants and increase the enrollment of uninsured low income American children. **Page S950**

By 32 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 18), McConnell Amendment No. 40 (to H.R. 2, as amended), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S954–55**

By 37 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 19), Martinez Amendment No. 65 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to restore the prohibition on funding of nongovernmental organizations that promote abortion as a method of birth control (the “Mexico City Policy”). **Pages S955–61**

Cornyn Amendment No. 67 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to ensure redistributed funds go towards coverage of low-income children or outreach and enrollment of low-income children, rather than to

States that will use the funds to cover children from higher income families. (By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 20), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S961–62, S968–69**

By 36 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 21), Roberts Amendment No. 75 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to prohibit CHIP coverage for higher income children and to prohibit any payment to a State from its CHIP allotments for any fiscal year quarter in which the State Medicaid income eligibility level for children is greater than the income eligibility level for children under CHIP. **Pages S962–67, S969**

By 42 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 22), Kyl Amendment No. 46 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to reinstate the crowd out policy agreed to in section 116 of H.R. 3963 (CHIPRA II), as agreed to and passed by the House and Senate. **Pages S967–68, S969–76, S982–86**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 23), Murkowski Amendment No. 77 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to provide for the development of best practice recommendations and to ensure coverage of low-income children. **Pages S976–78, S986**

##### Withdrawn:

Webb Amendment No. 58 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a revenue source through the treatment of income of partners for performing investment management services as ordinary income received for performance of services and reduce accordingly the tobacco tax increase as a revenue source. **Pages S978–80**

Brown Amendment No. 79 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to strengthen and protect health care access, and to benefit children in need of cancer care or other acute care services. **Pages S980–82**

##### Pending:

Coburn Amendment No. 49 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to prevent fraud and restore fiscal accountability to the Medicaid and SCHIP programs. **Pages S986–87**

Coburn Amendment No. 50 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to restore fiscal discipline by making the Medicaid and SCHIP programs more accountable and efficient. **Page S987**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 29, 2009. **Page S1005**

**Printing of Communication—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a communication to Senator Byrd from the Office of Compliance related to USERRA regulations be printed in the Record.

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Christina Duckworth Romer, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Dennis Cutler Blair, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Intelligence.

James Braidly Steinberg, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Budget and Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs were discharged from further consideration.)

27 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

42 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1001–04, S1005–06**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S994**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S994**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S995–99**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S993**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S999–S1001**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1001**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1001**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—23) **Pages S954–55, S960, S969, S985, S986**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S1005.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HOUSING AND FINANCIAL CRISIS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine federal response to the housing and financial crisis, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act".

### GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine global climate change, after receiving testimony from Former Vice President Al Gore, Nashville, Tennessee.

### MUMBAI TERRORIST ATTACKS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons from the Mumbai, India, terrorist attacks, after receiving testimony from Brian Michael Jenkins, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; Ashley J. Tellis, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.; and Alan Orlob, Marriott International Lodging, Bethesda, Maryland, and Michael L. Norton, Tishman Speyer, New York, New York, both on behalf of the Real Estate Roundtable.

### ECONOMIC CRISIS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine impact of the economic crisis on the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; and Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office.